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The last Will and Teſtament of C——, Lord M——.

IN the name of Good Freightage, Amen.—— I, C——, Lord M——, being ſound in conſtitution, and able in letters, do publiſh this my final atteſtation of all the good and evil wiſhes I ſoberly and avowedly entertain, and devote, as far as in my power lies, my properties and qualifications in correſpondence with my inclination.—*Imprimis*, to the Earl of S—, my once beloved colleague in roguiſh waggery, I bequeath my literary diſcoveries, publiſhed, or in manuſcript, with all the private annotations that we have jointly added to them, in ſadneſs, or in drink. To the ſame noble lord I reſtore all hints, nods, injunctions, gibes, jeſts, or blaſph——s, which I have ever received from his cabinet of friendly ſervices, and requeſt him, in my laſt moments, to trace from the manner of my exit the features of his own demiſe. *Item*, to the Earl of B—, my noble and r—t r——d relation, I relinquiſh all paſſions, prejudices, and modes of untowardly demeanor which I have ever incorporated with my profeſſional character. *Item*, to the B.——gh of H——, I re-

ſign Place-mongery, P--jury, Shifts, Shirks, Evaſion, and the whole ſcheme of pitifulneſs, which may have been ever transferred from the B——gh to my private uſe and poſſeſſion. *Item*, to Sir H—— P——, I bequeath my naval ſcience, and my naval courteſy, hoping that m—ſt—l changes and ſyſtematic revolutions will ſhew the brighter ſide of his character to the embelliſhment of theſe dark days. *Item*, to my co-partners of tender ſlumbers, and nocturnal myſtery, I give ſuch relics of my fortune as may eſcape the gripe of legal claim, and family conveyance. And to the truth of theſe intentions I ſet my name and ſeal, &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of C——, D—ſs Dow--r of A—.

In the name of Widowhood, *Amen*. I, C—, &c. being invincible in tongue, and ſhrewd enough in malice, emit this final venom as in conſiſtency obliged, and reſign my worldly goods, as is hereafter ſhewn. *Imprimis*, to the D—, my ſon, I grant, make over, and him inveſt with all the ſcraps of gentle converſation that ever I poſſeſſed. Should there be diſcovered, in my moral conduct, any appearance of humanity or love, his G—ce may claim inheritance, as the only heir of my late h——d's virtues. *Item*, to Lord G—, I give and bequeath all the dullneſs, want of brains, and ſubſtitution of affected innocence that all the *M*——*y*'s on my father's ſide could boaſt of, knowing that in a B— theſe qualities may meet with due reſpect. *Item*, to Lord W—, my graceleſs repreſentative, I give all wanton ſarcaſms, all wandering inconſtancies, all naughty and perverſe ideas that may hold place in the boſom of a ſuper-annuated widow, or of a rakiſh captain. *Item*, to the Iſle of M—, I grant immunities from civil and ſpiritual juriſdiction, in the articles

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cles of profaneneſs, fornication, and uxorious uſurpation. *Item*, to the town of F—, I give 40l. *per annum*, for the abolition of ducking-ſtools, and other emblems of diſgrace, attending female treaſons. *Item*, to my chaplains I devote my perſonals, body and ſoul, to do with as it ſeemeth beſt to their diſcernment. *Item*, to my heirs in ſucceſſion, I give all *ſtrange* prerogatives that I die poſſeſſed of. In witneſs whereof, &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of the Right Hon. R— F—, Eſq.

In the name of Honours and the odd Trick, *Amen*. I, R— F—, &c. having a juſt ſenſe of laſt night's perſecution, and being ſeriouſly deſirous of making peace with all men, judge it both wiſe and honeſt to divide my property with equity and honour, and therefore to my creditors I give, *imprimis*, my Dice and Tables, being the only goods I die poſſeſſed of, which my friends have paid for. *Item*, to the Earl of O——, I reſtore all the wiſe counſel which from time to time he has conveyed me. *Item*, to the Right Hon. C— F—, I bequeath all lucky ſhuffles, whether at Brookes's, or St. Stephen's, all ſcores of intereſt, all aches of doubt or deſperation, all chances of ſelf-battering, all leſſons oratorical, or Hoyleian, infine, all the appurtenance of politics, and gaming, all the evolutions of public reſponſibility, and private Whiſt, all the conjoint capacities of change in adminiſtration, or change in luck. *Item*, to the Earl of S—— I grant and make over all deep intrigue, all large deſign, and cautious bold ſuggeſtion, well knowing that his ſtock may be adorned, though not increaſed. *Item*, to the Earl of S—y, I devoutly render all ſhallow craft and idle artifice, all great reſolves with paltry execution, all ſiniſter intentions with

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means inadequate to forward them. *Item*, to all men I ſurrender a name of neutral properties, neither greatly commendable, nor harſhly to be execrated. In witneſs whereof, &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of Earl G——r.

In the name of expedient inconſiſtency, *amen*. I, &c. &c. being fearful of a bodily diſſolution and willing to prepare for natural events, do declare this my final Teſtament to be the ſober dictate of my Will and Conſcience, and diſpoſe of all my worldly goods as is hereafter ſhewn.

Imprimis, to V—t T—, I leave my perſonals and reals, ſtrictly enjoining him to watch them with a lover's diligence, and not expend a ſixpence of their wealth without mature deliberation.

Item, to the Earl of C—, I convey all my moral precepts, wiſhes and commands, requeſting him to uſe them with dutiful contradiction to conſcientious reaſon, making my fortune the model of his ſucceſs.

Item, to Mr. M-cd—d, I make over all ſtate connivance and duplicity, and, though his honeſty is ſtill invincible, I implore him in my laſt moments to reflect that the amiableneſs of truth is allowedly inferior to the deceit of ſelf-accommodation.

Item, to the truly honourable Mr. J——n, I beg to reſtore all magical contrivances, all pantomime deluſions, all nightly communication, and regulating whiſpers, thanking him for the benefits I have derived from this good ſervice.

Item, to my ſucceſſor in the C——cil I bequeath clandeſtine intereſt, ſecret ſupport, and the *dernier reſort* of poſitive authority.

Item,

Item, to my ſons-in-law, preſent or future, I reſign all the remains of *Philo-zuenching* principles, wiſhing their conſtitutions the ſame valour that my own has been diſtinguiſhed by. And to atteſt theſe my laſt wiſhes I ſet my name, &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of V—ſs S— and S—.

In the name of everlaſting merriment, *amen*. I, &c. &c. being a proper match for death, and having now the twentieth time challenged his abilities, make them ſurrender in fear of an unlucky blow. *Imprimis*, to my ~~domeſtics I bequeath~~ ten years exemption from hard labour, and wages in proportion to ſo ſingular a donative.

Item, to all Maſters of Ceremonies, Lectures on Dancing, and Holders of Aſſemblies, I ſeparately leave a Mourning Ring, Hatband and Gloves.

Item, to all decrepit widows I bequeath my pity, to all relicts of buxom denomination, my affection, and to the uſeleſs bands of ancient maidens, my contempt. And in purſuance of theſe bequeſts, &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of Sir J— M——y, Bart.

In the name of mummery, *amen*. I, Sir J— M——, &c. being weak in mind, nor leſs miſuſed in body, grant to my friends what I have no ability to keep for my own uſe and beg them to preſerve my legacies as a memorial of true regard. *Imprimis*, to Lord C—n,

my good relation, I leave my thanks for all the diſcouragement he prudently obtruded on me to damp my oratorical enthuſiaſm. *Item*, to Mr. H—d—ge, I bequeath my books and papers, knowing that his contempt for my productions will urge him to commit the inſtruments of my temptation to the flames.

Item, to the Sp--k-r of the H— of C——, I bequeath a ſervice of Plate, in gratitude for his polite attention to my idle rhapſodies.

Item, to Mr. St—t of M—, I make over my Diſtillery, and ſucceſſion to my Baronetage, if the King permit.

Item, to the Country Gentlemen, I bequeath my angry invectives. In witneſs whereof, &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of Lord M——n.

In the name of odd conceits, *amen*. I, &c. &c. being ſatisfied with my mental and bodily diſpoſitions, aver the following bequeſts to be agreeable with the order of my intentions, and in conformity thereto, I allot, *imprimis*, to my honoured father, all my collateral ability in the Upper Houſe, reſerving my influence at the bar with the new Lord C--lf---d. *Item*, to the Premier, I make over all accidental good that may have ſerved his purpoſe by my ſeductions in the Third Eſtate in Parl----t from general gravity to general deriſion.

Item, to General R-ſs, I leave my comical preſcriptions, to Sir C--- B---, Bart. my nothingneſs of words, and to Mr. P--r A---n my glory of geſticulation.

Item, to Mr. Edm. B---e, I bequeath my irraſcibility, to Lord J--- C—— my expreſſion and countenance, and to the Hon. Mr. E--k--e the hurry of my deſigns. *Item*, to Mr. E--w-s, I reſign my

my figure, to be conveyed from my ſepulchral reſidence, and to the Hon. Mr. G---lle, my opportunities of cozenage. *Item*, to the ſtill exiſting miniſters, I relinquiſh my voice, in this world or the next, not from conviction of their merits, but acknowledgement of their relationſhip. And in full aſſignments, &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of the Earl of D---y.

In name of politics and love, *amen*. I, &c. &c. being ſtill exempted from a worm-diſſection, and having the eyes of my good judgment open to right reaſon, convey my property, as herein exemplified; *imprimis*, to my enchanting comi-tragic bed-fellow, Miſs ---, I offer, as in honeſty compelled, my moveables, and ſuch ſmall parcels of territorial juriſdiction as my legitimate and well-beloved iſſue can equally ſurrender.

Item, to my amuſing friend the excommunicated but rightly honourable Charles James F--, I leave my reputation, which, as I have ſo often ſtaked it for the purpoſe of obliging him, may bear one venture farther. *Item*, to General B---, I reſign the primroſes of my fair ſpeech, owing to his cultivation, and avowing the bud of their ſucceſs.

Item, to my wife, I continue her due pittance, and to the Duke of D---, I relinquiſh all commerce with her charms, matrimonial, or illicit, and here no codicil ſhall have effect.

Item, to the I-dia company I leave a hundred pounds, a juſt equivalent for the ill offices I was in duty bound to ſhew them.

Item, to Mr. Sh---n, I leave a mourning ring and ſword, to Sir W--- H---n, an almanac, to the Earl of C---n, a ſcore or two of curſes,

curſes, and to the cabinet, an aſtrological denunciation of tumult and calamity.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of the C----ſs Dow. of H-----n.

In the name of melancholy madneſs, *amen.* I, &c. &c. being half alive, and half conveyed above my cieling in a viſion, do conſecrate my goods as followeth: *imprimis*, to the Earl, my ſon, I leave my Manuals, vocal and inſtrumental, beſeeching him to pick a note out here and there for the ſalvation of his body.

Item, to all Field Preachers and itinerant Converters, I leave ale and buttered toaſt, as plentifully as they deſire; to the converted, I bequeath cheeſe and ſmall beer proportionably, and to the wayward a penny roll for good encouragement.

Item, to my chapels and efficient miniſters I grant a nightly charter in reparation of the joys I have forbidden them, which ſhall effectually counterpoiſe the firſt deficiency.

Item, to the archb--ps and b---ps of this realm I bequeath the viſitation of my ſhade; to the inferior clergy the ghoſts of my dependants, and to the heretics, if ſuch there be, amongſt the laity, the tremors of pretended ſin and counterfeited apprehenſion. And to the truth of this, &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of E---- Lady C---n.

In the name of privacy and ſtolen kiſſes, *amen, amen.* I, E--- Lady C---n, being as wanton and wiſe as uſual and caring leſs for purity

purity of ſoul, than convenience of tangible communication, allot my worldly chattels, as I ſhall ſhew you. *Imprimis*, to the Dolt my H---, I give quiet and confidence, good nature and forgiveneſs, content and H---ns. *Item*, to the mixt compound of good fellows who have haunted me I reſign the pleaſures of my converſation before and after death, and to each a ring with this inſcription: *brave in due ſeaſon.*

Item, to the witch, my mother, whoſe rival merriment I am aſhamed of, I yield her ſwains, being deſirous to keep off all alloy from my pure traffic, if it be feaſible.

Item, to the Earl of B---, my brother, I bequeath my diſguiſes, and ſhould he marry, my comments on a doating huſband. *Item*, to my children I leave an odd example, which they may follow or deſpiſe, as it ſhall be moſt ſuited to their manners. And to theſe bequeſts I ſet my hand and ſeal, for better and for worſe, &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of Sir Jeffrey Dunſtan.

In the name of Old Wigs, *amen*. I, Sir Jeffery, &c. being undiſturbed in mind and conſtitutionally right in body, publiſh this laſt memorial of my unprecedented greatneſs, and dedicate my goods, as bound by obligation. *Imprimis*, to the Borough of Garrat, I leave popular repreſentation, ſtage trick, and general addreſs.

Item, to my colleague, C---- F--, I bequeath plebeian choice, court and alley triumphs, and oratory *ſub Dio*.

Item, to the H--- of C----, I relinquiſh idle harangue, pretended doubts and operative ambition.

Item, to Mr. Harry Houſe, I reſtore all ſuperiority of rivalſhip, to the county of S---y, all noble ſtands and ſtruggles, and to their

recently elected repreſentative, I bequeath twenty-five pounds, for the effectual furtherance of his education.

Item, to the Hon. Mr. O---, I commend the charge of my funeral, and to Lord N---n, the expence. In witneſs whereof, &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of the Earl of M---wn.

In the name of ſuperannuated foppery, *amen*. I, &c. &c. being ſome degrees above a Natural, and holding one foot from the grave with difficulty, am adviſed to diſpoſe of my effects, as follows: *imprimis*, to Mr. ——, the chief of his profeſſion in the city of D--lin, I bequeath my grandfather's utenſils, wiſhing him the ſame ſucceſsful elevation that we have met with. *Item*, to my valuable friend and recent Viceroy, the Earl of C— I reſign my *Eaux*, *Parfums*, *Poudres*, and *Syrops*, with warranted aſſurance of their vivifying qualifications.

Item, to all battered Beaux, and climacteric lovers, I ſurrender Recipes of gallantry, forms of ſpeech, Indexes of conqueſt, and relics of betrayed virginity. And to certify theſe preſents, I ſet, &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of Lady W---ley.

In the name of L--ke's good faith, *amen*. I, &c. &c. being over-run with habitual palpitations, and deſired by my phyſicians temporal and ſpiritual, to think of things to come, have judged it wiſe to leave my remnants of unuſual fortune, as ſhall be read.

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Imprimis, to the over-dear Sir R---, I relinquish the power of a second ſpecious union, wiſhing him puiſſance and good omens.

Item, to Viſcount D—, I leave my cabinet of Balſams, to the M— of G— my phials of remediable ſorrow, and to the honoured Lady F—g, my volumes of devotional contrition.

Item, to the C—ſs of H—, I bequeath my thanks, for paſt renewals of forgiveneſs, to the C—ſs, her mother, my worſt deſigns, and wickedeſt expreſſions, and to the family of the L—s's, my dying complaints of tenderneſs.

Item, to the Dow. Lady W---ley, I leave the care of my remains, and to the church of Ap——be the honour of my interment. For the aſſurance of which I ſet my hand and ſeal, &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of R—, Earl of N——n.

In the name, and to the honour of the Iriſh howl, *ameu*. I, R— Earl of N—, &c. being powerful in body, and plentifully furniſhed with the loan of mental aptitude, reſign my goods, as follows: *imprimis*, to Sir W— A—n, I leave the preſervation of my eſtates and the defence of my character, to Lady B— T—, the changling of my poor foibles, and to Mr. C—we, the hatred of my harmleſs name.

Item, to Earl T—ple, I yield the kitchen furniture of D-blin Caſtle, to be botched and refitted, as to him it ſhall appear convenient. *Item*, to Mr. F-x, I pay the ſum of two thouſand guineas, for the advantage of his memorandums and admittance to his library. *Item*, to Mr. W—ham, I bequeath my penury, and to Mr. P—m, my empty bottles, praying their joint good-will.

Item,

Item, to Mr. G--tan, I leave my records, ſhould the mice have ſpared them, to Lord B——mſhire, I bequeath a ſmile, and to the D— of P—, half a ſigh. In teſtimony whereof, &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of Geo. S——n, Eſq.

In the names of Pun and Repartee, *amen*. I Geo. S——, being enfeebled in body, and a little weak in mind, am told how fit it is to part, in promiſe, with a few creditable legacies, wherefore I beg the world to regiſter the following bequeſts. *Imprimis*, to the corporation of G——r, I leave my body to be embalmed, and to the city my ſoul to be preſerved with care, and my name to be enrolled in their beſt archives.

Item, to Mr. C—tenay, I bequeath my waggery, to the Earl of D—gh, my *double entendres*, and to the Earl of S——ch, my profane ſelections. *Item*, to Mr. J—gs, I leave my conſtitution, to Sir Ch—s B—w, my influence in parliament, and to the Earl of S—y, my ſpeeches in the Common Hall of G——r.

Item, to any fool in office, I reſign my poſt in government, to Mr. P-tt, my paſſive compliances, and to the oppoſition, my eaſe of heart.

Item, to the grave I leave my purification, and to the Evergreens about my tomb the whiſtlings of my departed anguiſh. In witneſs whereof I ſubſcribe, &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of Sir Ch--es B——y, Bart.

In the name of inſipidity, *amen*. I, Sir Ch—es, &c. being accompliſhed in mind and delicately framed in body, pronounce theſe my

my laſt conditions of good humour and accommodation with mankind, and part with my poſſeſſions as becometh my ſituation. *Imprimis*, to the county of S—, I bequeath a compromiſe of love and pity, beſeeching the freeholders that have been partial to my merit, to eſtimate the legacy, as an eſſential mark of my benevolence.

Item, to the Duke of R—, I leave my political experience, and to L—d W— G, my rings and jewels. In token whereof, &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of Lord N—b—n.

In the name of Topſy Turvy properties, *amen*. I, &c. being three parts inſane, and every whit diſabled in my limbs, note theſe bequeſts, while I can gain an interval of tolerable reaſon, and *imprimis*, to the B——gh of G—ton, I make over noiſe, nonſenſe, parl--mentary delirium and venal oppoſition, not doubting their acceptance.

Item, to Sir G— C—ke, I leave my furniture, to my wife my ſcripture pieces, and to our niece, the Dairy, with its moveable appurtenances.

Item, to the Dow--r Lady G——, I leave my ticket for the Opera, with a ſovereign remedy for hparſeneſſes from ſcolding, to the heir male of the name, I intruſt avarice and puſillanimity, and to the city of C——y, my execration of circumventing ſhrewdneſs. And to make theſe ſure, I ſet, &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of the C——ſs of T——t.

In the name of Pots and Flaggons, *amen*. I, &c. being cured in mind and well enough in body to ſtand without a prop, reſign my worldly affluence as follows: *imprimis*, to the Hon. and Rev. Dr. T—, I leave the honour he rejected while I lived, with all the wealth I die poſſeſſed of.

Item, to the L—d Ch——r for the time being, I bequeath a ſyſtem of forbearance in the coercive arguments of wedlock, recommended by my own experience.

Item, to Lord S——, my neighbour, I bequeath my tankards, and to his noble father, the liquor pure or mixt, in my ſeveral cabinets and cellars.

Item, to V——ſs B—, I leave my predilection for renewed virginity, and to the D—ſs of D——, a pamphlet on the pains of childbirth. In teſtimony whereof, &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of Earl N——t.

In the name of jocular antiquity, *amen*. I, &c. being ſound as a Roach, and ſagacious as a Bramin, think fit to expedite the buſineſs of law conveyances as ſpeedily as poſſible, therefore, *imprimis*, to my dear and gracious ſon-in-law, Earl T——, I leave my fire, wit, ſolidity and rhetoric, meridian or nightly.

Item, to his brothers, I bequeath ſome ſteps collateral on a new conſtruction, adjoining to the *Patent* ſtairs, recently eſtabliſhed by royal licence.

Item,

Item, to the city of B—l, I leave the admiration of my corpſe, and to the ancient maidens, there reſiding, the adjuſtment of my ſhroud.

Item, to Mr. P-tt, I leave my bleſſing, to Lord M—n, my temper, and to the city of D--lin my public ſpirit.

Item, to my exemplary co-adjutreſs in the myſteries of hymen, I queath all ſtolen pleaſures, ſad repentance and renewed experience of natural philoſophy. Whereunto I ſet my hand, ſeal, &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of the Right Hon. Mr. E——d B—ke.

In the name of Trope and Metaphor, *amen*. I, Ed—d, &c. being well-diſpoſed in mind and moderately ſatisfied with my bodily conſtitution, conjure the favour of mankind and publiſh this my Will, in amity with all eſſences, human or divine. *Imprimis*, to my b--ther, I bequeath my party influence, my generous diſſimulation, and my attic elegance, not doubting that with ſtudy and perſeverance he will equal, though not eclipſe my fame.

Item, to Mr. F-x, I reſtore anger and attitude, perſonality, and reconciliation, converſion and extermination.

Item, to Earl F—m, I leave my grammar, to the Earl of D—y, my index of ideas, and to the Rev. Mr. O B—, my alphabet of deviations. *Item*, to Mr. G——lle, I leave my military options, to Lord D—n, my affected ſilence, and to his father, the few ſcraps of honour I really exerciſed. *Item*, to Mr. H—dge, I leave my love and gentleneſs, to the D— of P——, I reſign my credit, and to the M——ſs of R—— her Lord's ſcrutore.

Item, to General R-ſs, I leave my thanks, and to the Earl of G—y, my prayer for pardon.

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Item, to the D— of D—, I leave the payment of my funeral ſolemnities, and to the D—ſs, I return a card ſupſcription. In witneſs whereof I ſign, &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of James Duke of C——.

In the name of monkey elevation, *amen*. I, James, &c. being tired of curtain lectures, and modeſtly reſigned to any deſtiny that may be waiting for me, have thought it meet and fit to make the following ſequeſtration of my valuables; and, *imprimis*, to the D—ſs, my wife, I leave her fortune, tenderly ſenſible that a wealthy widow is no acceptable portion. *Item*, to my D—ter, I bequeath a word or two on heavenly concerns, aſſuring her, from well-eſtabliſhed notoriety, that a ſpeedy exit muſt inevitably be her chance.

Item, to Mr. F—d, I leave his code of Bulls, to the city of W— their voices and venality, and to Mr. L—gh, the framing of my monumental honours.

Item, to his M——ty, I leave the Baby linen, and Baby canopy, fringed for my firſt child, and to the H--ſhold, I make over my wand, reluctantly declining its firſt fruits.

Item, to my w-dow, I leave the payment of my debts, and to my heirs, the manumiſſion of my domeſtics. In token whereof, &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of the D—ſs Dow. of P——.

In the name of old faſhioned coins, and older faſhioned Flower-pots, *amen*. I, &c. being told of a world to come, and wiſely fearing

fearing that bodily conſtitutions may be diſſoluble by time and accident, make over my ſmall remains, as you ſhall ſee. *Imprimis*, to my eldeſt *Boy*, whoſe pranks I have long reprobated, I leave my pardon, without a farthing coſt, aye, or a farthing perquiſite.

Item, to Lord Ed—d, I leave my Rent Rolls, my love, and my laſt hug, to Lady Ed—d, a handſome pin-money allowance, and to her father, my theatrical opinions.

Item, to my chaplains I leave my plants, to their wives, my wardrobe, and to the C—ſs of S—d, my reſpect.

Item, to the town of U—, I leave a Ring of Bells, to the Earl of O—, my relation, I leave my pedigree, and to the Britiſh Muſeum, 500 Guineas, for the erection of my ſtatue, in the robes of the Lord Treaſurer, my anceſtor. And to identify theſe preſents I affix, &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of Mr. Th——ſſe.

In the name of Letter-preſs and Matrimony, *amen*. I, &c. laid hold of by a fit of Melancholy, and griped by Recollective Cholic, crave all mens merciful indulgence and preface my departure by the following reſignations. *Item*, to that canine and motley compoſition, called my ſon, I leave ſighs and execrations, bitterneſs and vexings, poverty and ſadneſs. *Item*, to all thrice-married huſbands, I reſign loſſes irreparable, pains incurable, and nights incomprehenſible.

Item, to my wife, if ſhe be living, I reſign my valuables, to be exchanged for a *Baculine apparatus*, to the reformation of her next lover.

Item, to Mr. P-tt, I reſign my literary diſcoveries, to the heirs of the late Lord Sh---ke, I reſign my tablets of inſanity, imprecating their forgiveneſs.

Item, to the Q---, I reſign my bags of powder, to —— Caſtle, my cannon, and to the city of B-th, my yet unviolated comments on the health of the inhabitants. And, to witneſs theſe relinquiſhments, &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of the Duke of N—.

In the name of Prieſts and Purgatory, *amen*. I, &c. hearing the voice of Undertakers, and figuring to myſelf nightly the image of a ſhroud, think it adviſeable to procraſtinate my removal by a moment's conſideration, and part with my beloved poſſeſſions, as the depoſition ſheweth. *Imprimis*, to my roguiſh ſon, the Earl of S---, I leave religious indifference and moral want of ſhame, well knowing that Popery and Proteſtantiſm have many points of amicable union.

Item, to his mournful partner, I leave all the commiſeration, that can be diſtilled from my heart, in its moſt overflowing rapture.

Item, to my wife, I leave my furniture, and to her unconverted relations my affection and laſt thoughts.

Item, to my Vintner, I leave my duty, to my Butler, my cork-ſcrews, and to my body guard the remnants of Madeira in my cloſet.

Item, to the Duke of N---e, I leave my bottle friendſhip, with a cup of Sack, to be paid by afternoon deductions, to Mr. H— of Sheffield, I bequeath my gold laced hat, and to the R---ſh chapel, my picture.

And, in conformity with theſe aſſertions, I ſet, &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of C—ſs S---cer.

In the names of Love and Piety, *amen*. I, &c. terrified only at the thoughts of quitting the embraces of my children, reſign my valuables

valuables, if ſuch they are, as follows: *imprimis*, to Earl S---, I leave my Generoſity and Benevolence, to the D---ſs of D---, my tenderneſs and truth, and to Lady D---n, my gentleneſs and honour.

Item, to Lord D---n, I bequeath the care of his dear partner, and to the Houſe of C---ſh, I reſign conſiſtency and moral excellence.

Item, to my dependants, I leave my moveables, and from all good chriſtians I demand a tributary ſigh of veneration for my former preſence. And, that theſe may prevail, agreeably with my wiſhes, I pray, &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of Sir Tho. R----d, Bart.

In the name of Pearls and Pageantry, *amen*. I, &c. half dead with troubleſeme vexations, and finally ſurrendered by my comrades in expeditious traffic, am recollecting paſt gains and paſt offences, and portion out their fruits as follows: *imprimis*, to the B--- of C---, I reſtore a loan of honour and integrity, to Lady R--- I bequeath a dower of precious ſtones, and to her brothers, the maintenance of their new poſts.

Item, to my eldeſt ſon, I leave fire and inability, ſpirit and ridicule, to Sir F--- S--- I reſign the preſervation of my character, to General S---th, madneſs and melancholy, and to his unhappy Lady, reſignation and ſweet ſmiles. In witneſs whereof, &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of Lady S---n.

In the name of Grey Mares, and Woman's privilege, *amen*. I, &c. being now for the firſt time heart-broken with antipathies, and jaded

jaded by an eternity of ſcolding, invoke the gentle ſpirits of conjugal propriety, and ſwallow all my inveteracy at a meal, and to prove my hearty zeal for peace and quiet, I parcel out my ſublunary wealth thus wiſely. *Imprimis*, to my Lord and Huſband, I relinquiſh a ſingle bed, adorned with peace and comfort, and guarded, by my deceaſe, from every dæmon of uxorious chaſtiſement.

Item, to Lady A---n, I leave kindneſs and affection, to her Lord, a whip for the purpoſe of ſelf-puniſhment, and to the Hon. Capt. B---, a laſt farewel in the plenitude of former bitterneſs.

Item, to the Duke of G---, I leave thanks for his brother's mildneſs, to Lady F--- A---y, a murmur, due to her encouraging interference, and to my children, an extorted bleſſing, ſacrificed to decency. In teſtimony whereof, I ſet, &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of the Duke of D---.

In the name of pretty Maids and Cricket Bats, *amen*. I, &c. reduced, as in neceſſity obliged, to nothing but the conſiſtence of a ſhade, and heartily repenting a wanton life, declare my final transfers, as ſhall be regiſtered below. *Imprimis*, to all wives, whom I have taught the leſſons of inconſtancy, I leave my ſorrowful contrition, to all widows whom I have ſeduced from chaſte determinations, I leave a nod of grateful ſatisfaction, and to all maidens, whoſe hearts and perſons I have heedleſsly entrapped, I leave my love, and cold embrace.

Item, to the C—ſs of D—, I leave a wiſh of reparation, to the Duke of H—, a mixture of deſpondence and diſſimulation, and to his graceleſs M---, my contempt,

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Item, to Lady M—, the reprobated boon of an expiring adieu, to her Lord, an amicable nod, and to the miniſter who married them forgiveneſs.

Item, to *Lumpey*, my furniture *de Jeu*, to Lord T——lle, my wreaths of victory, and to Mr. S—, my prayer for gentle language.

Item, to the French court, the maintenance of my progeny, there born, to her moſt Chriſtian Majeſty, an addreſs of gallantry, and to the P—e, her wedded huſband, my pocket-book of Recipes.

Item, as political legacies to Mr. P-tt, my ſervice of Plate, or its equivalent, to Earl G—r, my mother's bleſſing, and to Viſcount S—, my firſt and laſt remembrances. And to teſtify theſe preſents, &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of Lord A——y.

In the name of dignity and empty purſes, *amen*. I, &c. literally ſtarved with living upon promiſes, and utterly undone by matrimonial purchaſes, make this my final Will and Teſtament, and *imprimis*, to Mr. T——ſſe, I leave my ſtockings, worſted or ſilk, with filial *baiſe mains*, as in honour juſtified.

Item, to Lady C-ſtle—n, I leave my worſt deſigns, execrating her reſidence above ground, and praying for her prompt rejection from purgatorial waſhes.

Item, to the Rev. Mr. F—, I leave my good opinion, to Lord D—l, my watch chain, and to Mr. F-x, my mourning ſuits. And in conformity, &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of the Hon. Mr. E——.

In the names of bullying and ſelf-importance, *amen*. I, &c. brought into credit by accident and venal art, and about to leave my

colleagues, by fate and ſiniſter miſhaps, premiſe the following ſurrenders, and then ſacredly bind myſelf to meet my deſtiny with decent temper. *Imprimis*, to the E--l my brother, I bequeath abilities without an ounce of management, learning without an article of prudent application, patriotiſm without a why, or whence.

Item, to my friend and patron, Mr. F-x, I leave my MSS, ſetting apart my reſolutions, in the ſenatorial character for the public uſe of the P——d adminiſtration.

Item, to Sir W— G—, I leave my love, to Lord J— C—, my loſt time, and to Earl F—m, my beſt eſteem.

Item, to the I-dia Company, I reſign my pittance of their converted property to Governor J——, I proffer my dying wiſh of reconcilement, and from the P-tt uſurpers, I aſk a peaceable interment.

Item, to abſolute monarchy, I leave my indifference, to ſecret influence, my diſregard, and to Republican innovations, my deareſt and beſt nurſed attachment. If ſuch conceſſions are not pious, merciful, and characteriſtic of a world to come, I beg my heirs to cauſe them to be effaced, and reſt in peace, &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of Eliz. Dutcheſs of ——.

In the names of Virgnity and Widowhood, *amen*. I, &c. decayed in mind, thwarted in intention, feeble in my limbs, and ſenſible of an approaching diſſolution, appoint my heirs, as follows: *imprimis*, to the Duke of N—, whoſe honour ſtood me in fair part, I leave all caſual benefits that may be legally obtained after the entail of my poſſeſſions. *Item*, to the Empreſs of Ruſſia, I bequeath my love and thanks in fair and legible characters; but, by way of codicil, I appoint her in ſympathetic ink, the heir of all my virulence, and

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wanton vices. *Item*, to my ſucceſſors in N—ſhire, I leave Peace and Plenty, to the ſon of Mr. F—te, I reſign ſlander and revenge, and to the *dernier reſort* of lordly judicature, I leave contempt and malice.

Item, to the heir apparent of the kingdom of Poland, I ſend my *baiſe mains*, to the Dean of Weſtminſter, I bequeath two thouſand guineas, for the erection of my monument, and to my ſovereign Lord and K—, I leave the conſcious pleaſure of our infant-happineſs. And to this, &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of H—, D—d—s, Eſq.

In the name of Attitude and action, *amen*. I, &c. legally laid hold of, and owning death a better advocate than a Scotch Lawyer, make over my effects, as taught by time and reaſon. *Imprimis*, to Mr. P-tt, I bequeath my political creed, my oratorial *adroitneſs*, and my table of numbers.

Item, to the Earl of M—d, I leave private love, with public ſeparation, to Sir Thomas R—, a ſting of conſcience, artfully removed, and to the Hon. Mr. E——e, a mixture of his brother's courage, and my own reading.

Item, to my Lord Th—w, I preſent my diffidence, to Lord L—gh, my readineſs, and to Mr. I—e, my verboſe arrangements. In token whereof, &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of Viſcount T——.

In the names of ancient Verdure and heroic Pomp, *amen*. I, &c. no longer gay and florid, no longer juvenile and ſportive, but, alas!

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the change! ſickening and decrepit, bid my adieu to the world and its contents, and abſtract myſelf from love and politics. In conformity with this receſſion, and thinking of my ſucceſſors, I reſign my worldly wealth, as it appears to my diſcernment, wiſe and fit, and, *imprimis*, to my dear and faithful Lady, whoſe temper and affection I have ſuch cauſe to idolize, I leave my jewels, plate and houſhold ornaments.

Item, to Lord F—, my refractory boy, I leave my wardrobe, praying his acceptance of all the looſe and unaccounted monies in my breeches pockets.

Item, to my ſon John, I bequeath an ancient manuſcript on continence, value 3s. 6d. to this ineſtimable book, I add a ſcroll or two on Parliaments, a Manual of Evening Prayers, and a torn volume of the modern *Calliſædia*.

Item, to the Duke of R—, I leave my pots and pans, to Earl T—ple, my Recipe for taking caſtles, and to Lord S—y, an idle thought or two on cozenage.

Item, to the Earl of B—t, I leave my piſtols, to the Earl of N—n' my day-work, and to the Lady Betty C—, my recipe for gaining iſſue male. In teſtimony of theſe conveyances, &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of Lord M——t.

In the name of Country Bumpkinage, *amen*. I, &c. well adviſed, richly educated, and naturally gifted with potent parts, make this ſurrender of my lands, tenements, and ſingular my other properties, full ſhrewdly, as my Lawyers tell me. *Imprimis*, to my wife, I leave all ſhe can get honeſtly or artfully, to my ſteward I give poſſeſſion of all he can chouſe my wife out of, and to my ſteward's daughters, nieces, and other female friends, all they can cunningly

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ſecrete from the two former perſonages. *Item*, to Lord C——n, I leave my compliments, to my neighbours in C—ſhire, my adieus, and to my chaplain, a ſalary, if it can decently be ſpared, for wiſhing to ſay grace.

Item, to the Paſtors and Maſters of my youth, I leave my gratitude, and to the ſeducers of my manhood, leave my final utterance of all that anger can ſuggeſt. And to give ſanction to theſe bequeſts, &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of Lady F—s L—.

In the names of Reprobation and Incontinence, *amen.* I, &c. recommended at laſt to die compoſedly, and pray for the welfare of my ſurvivors, bequeath my goods with all decorum and philantbropy, as follows. *Imprimis*, to Mr. *L*—, my huſband, I leave a continuance of that freedom, which he always poſſeſſed, deſiring him to whiſper me the name of her, who ſhall ceremonially ſucceed myſelf.

Item, to the Duke of R—, I offer a prayer for pardon, to Mr. L— S—, I leave the acceptance of a contemptuous ſneer, and to the Earl of T—, I recommend a view of my departed ſpirit in any grove he ſhall think proper to appoint.

Item, to my friends at *B—gné*, I leave the enjoyment of their ſerenity to the officers there quartered, I preſent a volley of my beſt kiſſes, and to the progeny I have been bleſſed with, I bequeath a written memorial of their mother's indiſcretions.

Item, to all noble Ladies I offer my example, and to their huſbands and brothers, a caution from my fate. Whereunto I ſign, &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of Right Hon. C— F—.

In the names of Permanence and Party-zeal, *amen*. I, C— F—, being thoroughly convinced of an intelligence above me, and having held a midnight converſe with miniſterial agents, ſent from an irreſponſible power, do modeſtly think fit to coaleſce with death's omnipotence, and ſilently admoniſhed by my invincible friend, quit ſublunary eſſence with the following adieus. *Imprimis*, to my uncle the Duke of R——, I leave my Folios and Quartos, with marginal opinions, my Machiavel, half bound, and Macauley's Hiſtory with alterations.

Item, to my dear and noble friend, the Earl of S——, I leave my balances of government, my Euloge on Republics, and my laſt week's run of luck for private uſe.

Item, to Lord N—h, I leave my Recipe for reconciliation, my church Liturgy, and the reverſion of my Mogul intended conqueſts.

Item, to Mr. F—p—k, I bequeath my ſupplement to Hoyle, my Laws of Calculation, and my rules for blending love and politics.

Item, to the Duke of P——, I confine the care of my Port Folio, Tablet of Memory, Art of Thinking, and Alphabet of Senatorial principles. *Item*, to Mr. S---, I leave my wardrobe, to the Duke of D——, my unpaid notes, and to his generous D——ſs, my articles of Card expenditure. *Item*, to Col. N——, I leave a Manuſcript of Mr. B--ke's new model for childrens firſt acquaintance with uſeful literature, to Lord J--- C---, I bequeath my Bible, and to Lord G——, his nephew, my borough intereſt. *Item*, to the Hon. Mr. E——ne, I leave my Front in Wax, to Sir P--- B---, my warmth, and to Governor J——, my Slight of Hand and Puzzles.

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Item, to Lord D——n, I leave the virtues I may be found poſſeſſed of, to the Duke of A——, I bequeath my mute accompliſhments, and to Earl S---, my Ladder of Promotion.

Item, to Dr. J---, I leave my private anti-coalition reaſonings, to Harry Houſe, my Common-place Book, and to the Country Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons, my Froth and Fancies.

Item, to Mr. P-ft, I leave my independent love and true reſpect, to Lord Th---w, my abomination, and to Mr. J—k--n, my value for great talents.

Item, to the city of W----, I leave my hatred for all Numpſculls, to that of L---, my admiration of ſtrange theories, and to the Cabinet at the Q---'s Houſe, my thorough deteſtation for pitiful obedience. In witneſs whereof, I ſet my hand and ſeal, &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of Earl V——.

In the name of Dupes, and Pigeon-Traps, *amen*. I, &c. pillaged of all but my ſelf-holden properties, reſign what I can ſtill make over, as ſhall be ſhewn. *Imprimis*, to my generous C---ſs, I bequeath love and reſpect, as pure as the incumbered ſtate of my poor ſhattered finances can leave them.

Item, to Alderman ----, I leave a Lecture on retrieving loſſes, half moth-eaten, a Promiſſory Note for the acknowledgment of private ſervices, torn at one corner, and a pair of piſtols, loaded and primed.

Item, to Mr. W--, I leave an Eſſay on futurity, to my creditors, a dozen couplets on the pleaſure of parliamentary ſecurity, and to the Miniſter, who ſhall ſolemnize my obſequies, a pair of gloves, worn at the interment of my grandmother. Whereunto I ſet, &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of the C--ſs Dow. of B---.

In the names of Abelard and Eloiſa, *amen.* I, &c. vexed at the evil chance that obviates my widowhood, and wearied with the teizing competition of my daughter's proweſs, lay down my head ſerenely, though my heart is far from joy, and portion out my rich effects, as I ſhall manifeſt. *Imprimis*, to Earl N---, my Lord and H---, I leave a remnant of the ---, a ſolvent for all ills, and liberty of conſcience, in ſpiritual concerns.

Item, to the Earl of B---, my Boy, and his brother, my young captain, I make over bold atchievements, heroic gallantries, the conqueſt of Modeſty, and the ſyſtematic duties of daily propagation.

Item, to Lord and Lady C--, I leave myſterious anger, wedded incontinence, and faſhionable life.

Item, to Earl T---ple, I leave his uncle's Mourning Ring, and to our friends at Stow, annuities for ſilence.

Item, to my unmarried daughter, I leave love and regard, a knowledge of propriety, and a memento of my life and character. In witneſs of which, &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of the Earl of B---gh.

In the names of Honour and Integrity, *amen.* I, &c. willingly relinquiſhing my bodily exiſtence, reſign my property, I hope, with wiſdom, I affirm, without reluctance and *imprimis*, to my ſon Viſc. D---n, I leave humanity, gentleneſs, virtue and decorum, to Lady V---, ſweetneſs and good ſenſe, and to their united families, happineſs and wealth. *Item*, to my dependants, I bequeath a countenance of their ſalaries, and to all men, I leave an example, worthy of regard, and the Hiſtory of a Life, guided by probity and honour, to theſe bequeſts, I ſign, &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of the Earl of S——ch.

In the name of glee and roundelay, *amen*. I, &c. &c, muſical as a bell, and well-conditioned as a full-fed ſtallion, now I can ſet apart a moment from the roar of pleaſantry, reflect, as dutifully bound, on things unſeen, and make my will in concert with my feelings.

Imprimis, to my ſon Lord H— I leave my lands and tenements, my vigour and good faith, with the maintenance of all my ſpurious offspring.

Item, to my relation the Duke of B——, I leave my row of artificial teeth, my toilet and perfumes, my hounds and horſes.

Item, to Lord M——, I leave my recantations, and freſh ſins, my promiſes and p - - - y, my miſtreſſes, and muſic.

Item, to the Earl of C—— I leave my naked Venus; to Lady S—, my much beloved, I bequeath the uſual pittance for her better preſervation; and to the common purſe at Mrs. ——'s, my next year's dividend.

Item, to Lord R—y, I leave my ſleeve-deriſion; to the H— of C— my art of ſaying grace, and to the town of H - - - n, my public lectures on the matrimonial ſervice.

Item, to Lord O—d, I leave my Miller's gardening, with my new-conſtructed teleſcope for a view from the Green Park.

Item, to the chapel at Wycombe, I leave my heart, and to the young Sir Thomas S—n, the ancient medal of his father and myſelf, inebriated. To which I add my ſignature, &c. &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of the D—ſs of B—.

In the names of Junto, and ſly ſervices, *amen.* I, &c. &c. taught by Mr. R——by, and my grandſons, that life is hazardous, and reſolutions often interrupted, think fit to foil the ſword of death, if its intentions are immediately hoſtile, and make my will in ſpite of all mens anger.

Imprimis, to the Earl of C— I leave my widowed charms, and comely tints of grace, to be uſed well, as his right honourable Genius ſhall know to be convenient.

Item, to Lord L—gh. I leave my firſt impreſſion of *Lord Clarendon*; to Mr. F—x, my intereſt at Covent-Garden, and to my dear Lord C—ſle, my *Bijoux* and the Letters of *Lord Cheſterfield.*

Item, to my brother, I leave a ſuperannuated D—ſs's worſt rancour; to the D—ſs of M—gh, my kiſſes of affection; and to the Hon. Mr. F—p—k my art of patting on the ſhoulder.

Item, to Lord T—m, I leave my pity; to the Earl of T—t, my grave devotions, and to my glorious lovely boy the Duke of D—, a purſe of fond and pious liſpings.

Item, to Lady S—h's mother I bequeath my crutches; to Mr. R—by, the care of embalming my remains; and to the Earl of S—ne, my likeneſs after death, in virgin wax.

Item, to the heirs of one *Junius,* I bequeath my ſyſtem of defiance; to the Duke of N——d, my Diſſertation on the Commerce between the Sexes! and to the Hon. Mr. D—r, my full-dreſſed pillow caſes, In token whereof, &c. &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of B— G—ne, Eſq.

In the name of ſmoke-jacks and pot-luck, *amen.* I, &c. &c. a devourer finally to be devoured, and an epicure finally to be made a ſupper of, preface my mangled fate by a diſpoſal of my effects, and

Imprimis, to my cook I leave acknowledged ſuperiority, and an apology for the rudeneſs of my emulation.

Item, to my purveyor, I leave an annuity for life, ſomewhat exceeding twenty ſhillings; to the fabricator of my leaden coffin, twenty pounds for the inſurance of my preſervation; and to the ſexton of my church a crown *per* week for the injection of new air into my rotund and portly body, provided it grows flaccid.

Item, to all aged men and women, motionleſs through natural increaſe, I leave a belly full of ſoup, every Plow Monday; to the inventor of an improvement how to digeſt a meal or two at will, I leave an annual fee, not exceeding Five hundred guineas, and to the beſt Turtle-houſe in town, a patent for excluſive trade with my young family, with the donation of my arms and creſt over their kitchen fire. To identify theſe preſents, &c. &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of Mr. E—w—s.

In the names of Quixote and his lance, *amen.* I, &c. &c. never to be reduced, though ſometimes to lie low, think fit to guard againſt ill-omened hurry of diſmiſſion by making my laſt teſtament as ſpeedily as may be.

Imprimis, to the B——gh of R——, I leave my memory, with a Jacobus for the longeſt eulogy, in the way of epitaph, on my departure.

Item,

Item, to Col. I——, I leave all I can't rob him of, and a pair of family boots, by way of friendly grace for his good fellowſhip.

Item, to my ſon, though not my heir, I leave all extra benefits and benedictions; to my ſervants and their children, the tankards and old tea cups in my cloſets, and to the punctual debt-diſchargers among my tenants, a flaggon of ſmall beer to be drank on my grave ſide.

Item, to my chambermaid, I leave a pair of ſlippers and a night cap, the former to be ſold, to defray expenditure *per contra* on my laſt balance; to my cats, I leave a farewell ſupper, and to all beggars in the vicinity of my manor-houſe, my art of raiſing *cent. per cent.* ſupplies. Whereunto, &c. &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of the D—ſs of ——

In the name of Fortune's blindneſs, *amen*. I, &c. &c. intending to poſtpone my diſſolution as long as courage and conſtitution will ſuffer me to hold out, and willing to employ the interval with all becoming gravity and pious reſignation, command my will to be thus pertinently worded:

Imprimis, to my regal Lord, I leave the elbow chair and upper ſeats which I have *par force* obtained from him.

Item, to our progeny I bequeath the grandeur, mirth, and temper, of their mother, being the wiſeſt qualifications to puſh them in the world.

Item, to the Lady W—s, my elder repreſentative, I allot the bloom of beauty, and the majeſty of pride, which neither marriage nor the maintenance of *pucellage* can rob them of.

Item,

Item, to their couſins, the Miſs K—s, I leave my waſhes, mirrors, pocket-books, and trinkets, knowing the juſt propriety of ſo diſtinct a legacy.

Item, to Lady A— C—, I leave my good will; to the D—ſs of C—, my ſober love; and to her royal huſband my ſmothered ſmiles.

Item, to H—ce W—, my relation, I leave my pedigrees of the G—ph princeſs; to Lady Ch—n excluſively, I leave my picture; and to my widowed ſiſter, I leave an impromtu on departed ſcience. In witneſs whereof, &c. &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of Lord K——.

In the names of *Ego & Rex meus*. Amen. I, &c. &c. having d—n'd and c—s'd for days and hours uninterruptedly, for the good purpoſe of making terms with Belzebub, and finding oaths and blaſphemies of no avail when the leaſe of life is juſt expiring, ſet about praying with the whole fervour of my heart, and execrate my former naughtineſs as a prelude to articles of amendment; in token of theſe changes, and to prove that I retain the fear of ſomething higher than myſelf before my eyes, I frame my teſtament as follows.

Imprimis, to my eldeſt ſon, I leave copies of Deciſion, Admonition, Secret Whiſpers, and Neceſſity, bound and lettered; Theories of Impudence, Slander and Connivance, lettered and ſewed; a liſt of Opportunities for honeſt interference, wet from the preſs, praying him to uſe theſe memoirs as the ground-work of a ſpeedy elevation

Item, to Lord W——, I leave my laſt embrace, affectionate as my regard; to Mr. K—n, I leave my requiſites for a good character; and to Mr. R—y, my miſtreſs, and the profit of my cellars."

Item, to his M—— I leave my ——, to the — of — my ſilent doubts, and to the maintenance of their prerogatives, the refuſe of my laſt nights ſupper.

Item, to Mr. F—x, I leave my hatred, envy, and ill-will; to the faction he commands, my moſt Anathema, and to Lord L—gh, in particular, my moſt excruciating groan.

Item, to Earl G—, I leave my tobacco-box; to Mr. P—tt, my gold-headed cane; and to Mr. J—k—n, my pinchbeck lanthorn.

Item, to the C—gy, I leave a kick on the ——; to churches and church-yards, a ſcoff on all things tranſitory; and to the Arch-potentate, whom I may chance to hail below, an alphabet of lawyer's names and chambers, by way of quarantine. To witneſs which, &c. &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of Mr. D——ple.

In the names of my uncle and Mr. Y—, *amen*. I, &c. &c. wearied with the hootings of the multitude, and ſenſible of an approaching confirmation of my inaptitude in interrogatories, wiſely think fit to waft my ſpirit to another country, and before the deed be done, make this my ſingle grant:

Imprimis & finalita, I leave to Mr. H—, my uncle, my love and riches, praying him to get me buried as privately as may be, and to adorn my grave with a decent character, as a ſenator may be ſuppoſed to die content with. To certify this, &c. &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of the Hon. Col. N—.

In the names of my father and the India bill, *amen*. I, &c. &c. tired of colonelling, and ruefully tricked at hazard, ſteal a ſly moment from my honourable creditors, to ſketch my laſt conveyances.

Imprimis, to my ſiſters I give a creditable character to procure them places, and a few ſtray hundreds to encourage them in bettering the faces of the family.

Item, to my father and his tempting colleague, I leave a vacancy, which never can be filled by a more tireſome help-mate than myſelf.

Item, to Sir J— E—ne, I leave my volume of amours; to my grandfather, my written arguments in favour of a dukedom; and to the Biſhop, my wholeſome uncle, my drawing maſter's views of F—m Hill.

Item, to our ſide of the H— of C—, I bequeath five pounds *per annum*, to be paid for *Pater Noſter's* if its members live, and *Maſſes* if they are diſſolved. And in order to convince mankind of theſe donations, my ſecretary ~~has affixed my name~~, &c. &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of the Duke of H—.

In the name of foreign travelling, *amen*. I, &c. &c. juſt rouſed from ſleep, and hardly recollecting the little dangers of laſt night, bethink myſelf, that death may ſometimes ſkulk in a decanter of old claret, and to evade his clutches, I make my will without procraſtination.

Imprimis,

Imprimis, to my mother, I bequeath a ſuit of wedding apparel, bordered and flowered with a due portion of *Trois Maris* lace.

Item, to Lord Sp—, my play-fellow and uncle, I leave my kennel, with ſome chirurgical improvements on the ancient laws of farriery, written by myſelf.

Item, to the C—ſs of D——, I leave the D—— of D——'s promiſſary note. If ſhe is diſpoſed to burn it, his grace will thank her for the loſs.

Item, to my wife, I leave the bolſters and the couch furniture in our ſtate chamber; to Dr. M———, I leave my correſpondence with outlandiſh princes; and to his P— B—, I leave my proxy in the upper houſe, till it will ſerve no longer.

Item, to my father-in-law, I leave the firſt impreſſion of Dr. Truſler's Syſtem of Œconomy; to Earl P—, the diſpoſal of my wife's hand; and to his brother, I reſtore the Maſter-piece of Ariſtotle. Whereunto, &c. &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of Mrs. D——ce.

In the name of aſh, elm and underwood, *amen*. I, &c. &c. ſpoiled by my huſband for earthly converſation, and ſo fond of matrimony that I haſten to aſk it as a ſeparate grant in heaven, preface, my trip to the etherial dwellings by a diſpoſal of my tranſitory valuables, and

Imprimis, to my winning, coaxing, cuddling Mr. D——ce, I leave all my effects and properties, after my other legacies are paid.

Item, to Mr. C—ne, I bequeath poor Mr. D—r's ſaveall, which, as from the delicacy of my feelings I have declined to uſe it, is as good as new, and a true emblem of its former maſter.

Item,

Item, to Lady W—n, I bequeath the volumes of a Convent Hiſtory, which Lady B—y lent me; to Lady C—, the comedy of the Suſpicious Huſband, which Mr. J— left at my houſe; and to my wanton ſiſter, Mrs. C—g, the firſt proof ſheet of a new phamphlet, entitled *Every Woman her own Jockey*.

Item, to Sir C— B—, I leave my voice and manlineſs; to the Honorable Mr. B— my minuet-ſtep; and ſeparately to my nieces whereever they be diſperſed, a medal with riches on the front, and Mr. D—ce, on the reverſe. In atteſtation of which, &c. &c: &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of Earl T——:

In the name of ſecret nods, *amen*. I, &c. &c. hunted down by men and dogs, and kenneled without a maintenance, deviſe my will while I am whole, and charge my executors to ſee it critically enforced.

Imprimis, to my brother W—m, I leave Johnſon's Poets, in lieu of my yearly preſents of the Ladie's Memorandum Book.

Item, to earl N——, I leave a Panegyric on Old Age, written in my younger days, with minutes of certain popular parrying in the H— of C—s.

Item, to Lord M—n, I leave a phial of laudanum; to Mr. F—d, a *Shillaley*, and to my dear prime m—ſter, a view of Lilliput drawn by Mr. F—.

Item, to the K—, I leave oſtenſibility; to the people of I—land, the gewgaw of St. Patrick's Ribbons, and to the earl of N—, a quiet reſtoration to his Engliſh friends.

Item, to Mr. J———n, I leave my *Dyche* and *Dilworth*; to Earl G—, my firſt volume of Macpherſon's Hiſtory; and to the heirs of my body I bequeath the principal and intereſt of certain bonds payable from the efficient cabinet, for my unneceſſary private ſervice.

Item, to Lord T—w, I leave my Hiſtory of Parliaments; to the Earl of M—n, my Claſſics; and to Mr. —— of the Exchequer, my draught for the re-payment of deficiencies. Whereunto, &c. &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of Mrs. M— G—m.

In the names of block and ſcaffold, *amen*. I, &c. &c. ſignified to the world by a duplicate of married names, and well enough remembered to die with eaſe and decent reſignation, proclaim a truce with all the world, and during the ceſſation of hoſtilities, draw up my liſt of legacies, as follows:

Imprimis, to Mr. S——dge, I bequeath the heads of all my ſpeeches, whether intended for the mouths of others, or delivered from my own.

Item, to Dr. W——, I leave my trinkets, carefully wrapped up in flannel, my Pſeudo-Patriot, and Pſeudo-Platoniſm, bound up together, and my Recantations Fornicatory, in ſheets.

Item, to my huſband, I leave his maid's virginity, to be now diſpoſed of as in free-agency he ſhall think fit.

Item, to all hiſtorians, I bequeath my Common-Place-Book of Invective; to biographers, my Memorandums of Parallel Events; and to the ſtalls in and about London, my MS. Strictures on the preſent Reign, to be publiſhed when the parliament expires. And in conformity with this, &c. &c.

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The laſt Will and Teſtament of John W—s, Eſq.

In the name of Liberty and London, *amen.* I, &c. &c. long ſince convinced that man's diſcernment without policy is futile, and anxiouſly zealous to unite the Court and City Regiſters, thank all the Genii who have befriended my good cauſe, and lie me down in peace, when in obedience to the cuſtoms of the world, I ſhall thus have portioned out my loco-motion properties.

Imprimis, to my Daughter, love and riches, prayers for a good huſband, and counſel to preſerve thoſe talents, mental and pecuniary, which her father would even now be glad to have the uſe of.

Item, to Mr. H—ne, I leave my Encomiums on the Church-militant; to Mr. B—g, my ſuit of ſables, in token of regard; and to the Earl of S—h, my Jocular Obſervations on Mutability of Principle, with conſtant ſeparation.

Item, to the city of L - - n, my patriotiſm; to the partizans of Mr. P—'s India Bill, the moſt expreſſive of my hoſtile *Coup d'Oeil's*; and to Mr. F—x, ſecret admiration, which for ſecret reaſons muſt not be ſignified *viva voce.*

Item, to the Freeholders of M——x, my Skeleton of a Parliamentary Reform; to his M—y, my unwilling *Congé*; and to the Porter of —— Gates, my courteous ſalute. To witneſs this, I bind myſelf, &c. &c.

The

The laſt Will and Teſtament of Lady C— J—.

In the names of Ogre, Blue Beard and Bloody Bones, *amen.* I, &c. &c. no thinner than uſual, though cloſe to the verge of immortality, implore my friends to recollect my paſt affections, and offer them my properties, by piece-meal, to divide thus continently.

Imprimis, to the General, my Lord, I leave my waiſt, &c. to Lord D—, my nephew, I bequeath my borrowed eye-brows, and to the gentle Lady Mary, I proffer my ſweet ſerenity during the interval of amorous dalliance.

Item, to the C—ſs Dow. of H—, I bequeath my neck; to Lady A— my cheeks; to the D—ſs of B—, my forehead, and to her ſiſter Lady W—, my *Perruque*.

Item, to the governor of M—a, for the time being, I bequeath a green gown; to the poſſeſſor of my opera demeſnes, a double reflecting mirror; and to the delineator of a ſaint, my name-ſake, my dying accents in return for his caricatura of my Muſic.

Item, to the academy in Newman-ſtreet, I leave my ſkeleton from the ſhoulders downwards; to the pulpit in Audley chapel, I bequeath my ſkull; and to the divine Angelica, my dead face, as the model for a Magdalen. Whereunto I ſet my hand, &c. &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of the C—ſs of S——.

In the names of duelling and fox-hunts. *Amen, amen.* I, &c. &c. with pain, delivered of a ſtill-born infant, after the long expect-

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ed ceremony of half a dozen broken ribs from my Jehu atchievements, feel myſelf ſorely inclined to part with my poſſeſſions, before I gallop double with an aerial ſprite. Wherefore,

Imprimis, to Mr. B——, my tyrant Seignior, I leave my fiſt, ſevered at the wriſt, in token of my wiſh to give him chaſtiſement.

Item, to my children, for the cats have long been ſcouted, I leave the art of ſaving, the art of governing, and the lamentations of a public beating, all framed in hazle wood.

Item, to their uncle, Mr. L——, I leave taunts and revilings, and with this amiable mark of my acknowledgements, I conclude, &c. &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of the Earl of P——.

In the name of huge unwieldineſs, *amen*.

The reader is informed, that from a difficulty of reſpiration, and a vacuity of thought, his lordſhip declined adjuſting his mortuary benedictions, and choſe to die inteſtate.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of the Right Hon. W— P—.

In the names of youth and heroiſm, *amen*. I, &c. &c. loth to reſign my life, but willing to incur that loſs rather than the abdication of my office, ſubmit to coaleſce with death, and make my overtures of *poſt mortem* intimacy with my ſelect inheritors, as follows:

Imprimis, to Earl T——, I leave my ribbon *in futuro*; to Lord M—n, my Logical Deductions; and to my Caledonian Bully, Mr. D——, my firmneſs and good ſpirits.

Item, to the K—, I bequeath his juſt Prerogatives inviolate; to the Parliament, I reſtore an oſtenſible majority; and to the Secret Cabinet, in every poſſible adminiſtration, the maſter-key of all and ſeveral his M—y's back doors.

Item, to Lord W - - th, and his newly-titled brother, I bequeath a pair of mourning rings, with *Hold faſt, while you can*, for their device; to Lord T—w, I leave my globes, and inſtruments for menſuration; and to Lord E—t, my books of J - k - n's Arithmetic. In purſuance of theſe my ſincere wiſhes, &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of Lord N—.

In the names of coalition and contrivances. *Amen*, I, &c. &c. called from my peaceful ſlumber by a viſionary diſturber, warned to bundle up my bodily apparatus without a moment of deliberation; have requeſted my brother to diſcharge the duties of an unhallowed ſecretaryſhip, and to make known my love to men, under the following heads of bounty.

Imprimis, to my ſon, I leave the goods and chattels, I and my wife have houſed together, whether ariſing from alliance, credit, or human ſuſceptibility of other mens beſt intereſts.

Item, to my dear and rapturous Mr. F—, I bequeath my diamonds, wiſhing him to conſider no creature more communicating than himſelf of extaſies to my poor heart, my wife excepted.

Item, to Lord W—y, I leave his bed-chamber promotion, no longer tottering; to the Duke of P——, his letters, ſignatures, profeſſions and appeals, neatly reviewed, and mended.

Item,

Item, to the B— of W—, my political *Melange* of Politics and Faith; to Lady N—, I leave the payment of a debt to Lord M— E—, on the ſubject of Venus and Adonis; and to Mr. R—n, a model of my likeneſs, in plaiſter of Paris. Whereunto, &c. &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of the Earl of A——.

In the name of ready written hiſtories, and eloquence invincible, *amen*. I, &c. &c. at length immured between the walls of a ſick chamber, and viewing through a proſpect-glaſs the confines of my grave, make my laſt will, leſt the remainder of my life ſhould not exhibit ſuch a lucid interval as I am now baſking in, and

Imprimis, to my C—ſs, I leave love and ſweetneſs, praying that that if ſhe credits the report of a probable purgatory, they will invoke her favourite ſaints to get me ſhipped there for a ſhort ſeaſon.

Item, to the K—'s miniſters, I leave my independence; to their antagoniſts my arguments *ad Hominem*; and to the mortgagees to whom I ſtand obliged, my private papers for impreſſion. And to theſe preſents, &c. &c.

The laſt Will and Teſtament of the Earl of R——.

In the names of mice and empty cupboards, *amen*. I, &c. &c. incontinently ſtand by calculations of œconomy, and juſt retaining

retaining wit enough to tell of my diſaſter, declare my will as is ſubjoined.

Imprimis, to the Earl A—rd—n, I leave my extinguiſher on an inimitable conſtruction, for ſaving the moiſture of the expiring candle ſnuff.

Item, to Mr. E—s, a bequeath my art of darning ſtockings; to the Earl of B—, my made diſhes for a *Gala*; and to the duke of R—, my traps for ſparrow-catching.

Item, to Lady K——d, her father's pocket-book of annual ſavings; to the duke of N——, my ſcheme for exterminating ſuppers; and to the Earl of P——, my art of living without food and raiment.

Item, to the ſixteen P——rs, I leave a recipe for making double gains from hungry tenants; and to my ſempſtreſs, I leave the ſum total of her bills, after a deduction for my own ſhare, in the ſtructure of their contents. In witneſs whereof, &c. &c.

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